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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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For: REMOVABLE MEDICAL IMPLANT CLOSURE FOR OPEN HEADED IMPLANTS

Kansas City, Missouri

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

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Kindly reconsider the above captioned application in view of
the following:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims:

The following are proposed amended claims in a clean format:

1. A closure for use in conjunction with a medical implant that is sized and shaped to operably close a channel between two spaced arms with each of said arms having an inward threaded surface; said closure comprising:
- a) a body having an axis of rotation and a threaded cylindrical shaped radially outward surface with